

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~treating a blood disorder;~~ treating sickle cell anemia; or treating thalassemia in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of ~~at least one nitric oxide donor compound. N-~~ hydroxy-L-arginine, isosorbide dinitrate, isosorbide mononitrate or a mixture of two or more thereof, and at least one antioxidant.

2 – 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the antioxidant is a hydralazine compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the hydralazine compound is hydralazine hydrochloride.

6 - 20. (Cancelled).